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SUBJECT: JAPANESE POSITION ON FRIENDLY KOREAN RESOLUTION

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SIBLE USE.

2. IF YOU SO DECIDE, YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN A WAY
BEST CALCULATED TO BUTTRESS YOUR CASE: WHILE JAPANESE MAY
CONSIDER THAT THEIR CONCEPT OF THE TERM "CONSENSUS" NOT
INCONSISTENT WITH STRONG SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION,
THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND, NEVERTHELESS, THAT PERSISTENT RE-
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PORTS IN NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE OF JAPANESE EFFORTS TO

ACHIEVE A COMPROMISE CAN ONLY, AT THIS STAGE, SERIOUSLY UNDERCUT ABILITY OF CO-SPONSORS TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION FROM UNDECIDED STATES. WE ARE THE MORE TROUBLED SINCE APPARENT LACK OF JAPANESE CONCERN RE DIS-ORIENTING EFFECT SAITO AND MIYAZAWA STATEMENT IS HAVING IS AT SUCH VARIANCE WITH GOJ STATEMENT TO US RE THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHES TO ARMISTICE AND CONTINUED US MILITARY PRESENCE IN KOREA AS STABILIZING ELEMENTS ON THE PENINSULA.

TO CONTINUE PURSUIT OF A CONSENSUS PREMATURELY WOULD BE A MAJOR TACTICAL ERROR, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS FAVORABLE TO NORTH KOREA, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE OF TURNING BACK THE ROKG EFFORT TO OBTAIN AD-MISSION TO THE UN AND TO THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

3. AS EMBASSY CORRECTLY NOTES, SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVES AT THIS STAGE TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WEAKENS ABILITY TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR IT AND TO RALLY OPPOSITION TO HOSTILE RESOLUTION. DEPT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT IF THERE IS TO BE ANY COMPROMISE, THE POSSIBILITY WILL ARISE ONLY AT MUCH LATER STAGE AND ONLY IF THE NORTH KOREANS ARE CONVINCED THAT THEIR RESOLUTION WILL NOT PASS.

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